Lyman Kirkpatrick Bay Pigs HW 12/29/72

In one of the parts of COUP that had to be cut out of F-U, I refer to his book, "The Real Cia", saying at long last we knew the real purposes of the CIA, to reorganize itself. And how fortunate it was that each successding director was more brilliant than those who preceeded him in effective more magnificent reorganization. There is nothing else "the Real CIA" ever did, according to K.

I found myself wondering in reading it is he were rational, and before the end I had the same question about his editor and publisher. Unless they considered anything pro-CIA save and anything on it would sell enough to pay its cost. Or were subsidized. The USIA alone could make it break even.

The whole speech at the Newport R.I. Naval War College was rubbish, as reported by Jeremiah O'Leary via the Times service, S-I 12/13/72 O'L. is a Star staffer and the story carries a Washington dateline, not Newport.

Becausseoof the late hour, I'll quote and make few comments (for me, anyway!)

"...2iser to have trained the invasion force inside the United States to preserve the security of the anti-Castro operation." Absolute nonsense. Made no difference where if the recruits were Cubans. All their families would have known, none could keep secrets, and Castro had all the anti-Casrro groups well penetrated. I think he used them regularly to plant what he wanted believed in the USgovernment. The problem had nothing to do with the fact of the operation being known in advance. The CIA was worst of all in this. K conveniently forgets those B25s that landed in Florida with an untenable cover story, well peinted, and that seems to have been an indispensible part of the CIA plan. Hunt et al.

K:"If the President (sic) make the policy to get rid of Castro...Of course, I am being critical of the President(Kennedy)..." Parens, caps in original. Now if there is one thing that crooked bastard knows is is that this was NOT Kennedy's decision, that it was well within the Eisenhower administration, and nobody ever told JFK the whole truth.

"Should be at a much lower level of government than the president's office"O'Leary's words. The only time it got there is when the CIA took it upon itself to get the US armed forces openly involved without ever taking it up with the President, and what the hell was he to do, let the CIA be President?

Blame belongs on the CIA, not the military, where he says JFK placed it. I think JFK took the blame rather dramatically and personally. However, the military was given a choice of two plans and did not disapprove either. I think they gave sort of approval to both, and both were insane. Blame for more than the failure belongs on the CIA. Blame for designing a failure belongs to both the CIA and the military. They both wanted to use that failure to get us involved in an invasion to throw Castro out. There is where JFK bridled. The astounding think is that K spells this out and nobody caught it:"...the President never really understood that this proposal entailed a military operation in the true sense of the word." No assualt force, even if a good one, of a mere 1,500 fits this description. And there never was any concept that they'd all be inflitrators. What the hell did they set up the CRC for? The WH knew all about that. it was to be the government inexile, then de facto.Not by infiltration!

Recruiting was under goldfishbowl conditions in Miami and Central America. Any other possible way. Thatb"not even Helms was involved" is beyond belief, unless Hunt was really chief of operations instead of Helms.

If only two documents in opposition were written, the CIA succeeded. Its purpose was to keep it secret from the US and the government. If more had known, there would have been more opposition for failure was built-in

How 1500 men could be recruited from the loudest and longest and freest talking people in the hemisphere only a K can understand, so there is childishness in his saying it should have been done on a US base for security. With defections to be supressed, US soldiers to know, all those aroundthe camp to see or the brigade to be prisoners? Rubbish, lowdrade

In today's world such things remain vital! And not nor to do stupid things or reprehensib or anti-democratic ones is not "the most vital lesson". That is "the failure to secure accurate intelligence." Pretty good for the world's top (ask it!) intelligence agency! Thus alone they failed. Not bio-degradable!

How CIA survived him or how he survived his own career provoke wonder. Almost as much as the quality of reporting.